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PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS ARE BEING RECRUITED AT UM

A person's fancy turned to wanderlust by Missoula's unseasonably warm weather, will be met easily by the four Peace Corps recruiters on the University of Montana campus this week.

Bill Sakovich, San Francisco; Jim Cloutier, Eugene, Ore.; Pat Ebert, San Diego; and Pat Worthy, Miami, all returned volunteers, will man an information booth in the UM Lodge, Wednesday through Friday.

They will offer a non-competitive, 30-minute exam, designed to measure ability to learn a language. Entrance to the exam requires a completed Peace Corps application, available at the information booth. The application is non-obligatory.

No prior foreign language experience is necessary, Sakovich said. The Corps gives thorough language training during its three-months program prior to assignment.

The recruiters' search is for the individual who wants to travel and live, work and play with peoples of other nations.

According to Sakovich, the Corps is looking for volunteers, aged 18 and older, who are in good physical shape and who have an enthusiasm for going places and doing things.

He said objectives of the Peace Corps are to help other peoples help themselves. The aim is for them to improve their own society in their own way with emphasis on community development in the emerging nations.

A peace Corps volunteer works with natives in a semi-supervisory capacity, all the while attempting to develop local leadership to take over the project when the corpsman leaves.

A Peace Corps film "One Step at a Time" will be viewed Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Territorial Room 3. The 45-minute film features Peace Corps volunteers at work in Brazil.

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Sakovich said adjustment problems of volunteers are not as great as might be expected. The first big adjustment has to do with the food at a volunteer's first assignment and the second is to adjust to a faster pace when he returns to the United States.

The University of Montana ranks 81 of the top 200 contributors of volunteers. Thus far, 85 persons have entered the Peace Corps from UM; with 46 of them currently assigned and 39 returned from duty. Men totalled 54 and there have been 31 women, Sakovich reported.

Recruiting at the University probably will be assisted by four UM Peace Corps returnees: Mr. and Mrs. George Cole who served in Malaysia, Nancy Gabbert, Morocco and Brent Cromley, India.